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SUBJ: MONEDERO KIDNAPPING

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- 1. AFTERNOON AUG 16 RADIO STATION YSU BROADCAST COMMUNIQUE FROM ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF ARMON CONCERNING AUG 10 KIDNAPPING OF WEALTHY SANTA ANA BUSINESSMAN ARMANDO TOMAS MONEDERO BARREIRO. COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT "MR. MONEDERO, WHO IS OUR PRISONER, IS IN PERFECT HEALTH, WITH NO WOUNDS AND NO SIGNS OF ILLNESS." WENT ON TO STATE THAT THEY WOULD MAKE FURTHER STATEMENTS (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING DEMANDS FOR HIS RELEASE) AT A LATER DATE. SAID GROUP WOULD GIVE OUT CONTINOUS REPORTS AS TO STATE OF HIS HEALTH AS LONG AS HE REMAINED THIER PRISONER.
- 2. STATEMENT WAS FOLLOWED BY RECORDING SUPPOSEDLY OF MONEDERO'S VOICE WHO CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS IN GOOD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEALTH AND ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN MISTREATED. HE THANJED ALL THOSE PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN WORKING FOR HIS FREEDOM AND HOPED THAT HE WOULD SOON BE BACK WITH HIS FAMILY.

3. COMMENT. WHILE THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC STATMENT BY KIDNAPPERS, OTHER SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT MONEDERO

FAMILY HAS ALREADY RECEIVED DEMAND FOR TWO MILLION COLONES (U.S. \$800,000) FOR HIS RELEASE. ARMON GROUP NOT KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND NO INDICATION OF CONNECTION WITH RECENTLY ACTIVE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS FARN, ERP AND OTHERS.

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